

# States in a Merge of Break With Germany

## JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS TODAY WHEN WILSON WILL DISCUSS SITUATION

### PARASTIC ACTION EXPECTED AT ONCE BY THE PRESIDENT

Communication Has Been Completed Which Will be Submitted to Congress at One O'clock Today — Conference Takes Place Between Secretary Tamm and Leaders in the Two Houses.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—President Wilson will lay the submarine crisis before congress tomorrow. In the hall of the house of representatives at one o'clock in the afternoon, with congress seated before him in executive session, the president will speak the last words of the United States to Germany in the grave situation which has kept the two nations on the brink of war for nearly a year.

Developments of the most solemn importance are expected to follow quickly. An ultimatum to Germany, and even the severance of diplomatic relations, are the two most likely eventualities.

At ten o'clock tomorrow morning the president will receive at the white house Chairman Stone and Flood of the congress committee dealing with foreign affairs, and also Mr. Lodge and Representative Cooper, the ranking republican members.

The often-repeated statement from the white house and by administration officials, that before breaking off diplomatic relations with Germany the president would fully advise the house and senate by their own committees, was recalled tonight in connection with the announcement of the meeting, and it was everywhere regarded as the forerunner of a development of utmost gravity.

Tonight, all official Washington, baring the worst and hoping for the best, is practically in ignorance of the details of the president's plan.

Soon after noon today, just after the cabinet had adjourned, the president sent secretaries to the house of representatives. He instructed him to go to the chamber at 4 o'clock and not before and arrange for a joint session of house and senate at one o'clock tomorrow afternoon. The president did not state his purpose to his secretary, and instructed him specially to inform the leaders he had no knowledge of the president's plans further than the important affairs were to be communicated to congress.

**Secretary Meets Leaders.**  
Promptly at the hour named his secretary went to the house of representatives in the capital and sent for Chairman Stone and Flood. After a hurried conference they went to the house side and talked with the republican leaders. A few minutes later a resolution for a joint session was introduced in the house.

"Does the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. Stone) desire to make an action on the?" asked Representative Mendenhall, asking the speaker to call the roll of the members present. "Yes," responded the Democratic speaker, "I understand the president has some very important communications to make."

"Without debate or opposition, the house at this hour, carried to order by the speaker, and the senate was called to order by the president. The president then laid before the house and senate the communication from Germany, and the president's plan of action in which it may be submitted to congress."

**Wilson Grants Message.**  
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